

OLDEST, YOUNGEST, ETC. IN 2001...

Oldest Bride: 93 years
Oldest Groom: 93 years
Oldest Mother: 52 years
Oldest Father: 78 years
Oldest Female Decedent: 109 years

Youngest Bride: 12 years
Youngest Mother: 12 years
Youngest Father: 12 years
Highest Birth Order: 14

Oldest Male Decedent: 107 years Largest Live Birth: 6435 grams (approx. 14 lbs. 3 oz.)

EACH DAY IN LOUISIANA IN 2001*...

178 Live Births113 Deaths1 Fetal Death28 to teens aged 15 through 1931 from heart disease1 Infant Deaths

82 to unmarried mothers 25 from cancer 29 Induced Terminations of Pregnancy

18 low weight births 5 from unintentional injuries 103 Marriages

53 cesarean sections 2 from motor vehicle injuries

1 from homicide

LOUISIANA AND THE UNITED STATES IN 2001...

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Vital Event	Louisiana	States**
Live Births		
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	14.6	14.1
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 women aged 15 through 19	56.7	45.3
Percent of total births to Unmarried Women	46.3%	33.5%
Percent of total births with 1 st Trimester Entry into Prenatal Care	83.2%	83.4%
Percent of total births that were Low Weight (<2500 grams or 5lbs. 8oz.)	10.5%	7.7%
Percent of total births delivered by Cesarean method	29.9%	24.4%
Fetal Deaths		
Fetal Mortality Rate (20+ weeks gestation)	7.6	N.A.
Deaths		
Age-Adjusted Death Rate per 100,000 (2000 Standard Population) for:		
Heart Disease	283.0	247.7
Cancer	229.7	195.8
Stroke	65.5	57.9
Accidents	45.5	34.3
Diabetes	42.2	25.2
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	43.4	44.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	23.8	22.0
Nephritis	24.5	14.0
Homicide	11.8	6.9
HIV Infection	9.3	5.0
Infant Mortality		
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	9.8	6.9

N.A. = Not Available

^{*} Note that numbers are approximate averages, derived by dividing total numbers of each event by 365 (days in a standard year).

Since all results are rounded down to the closest whole number, calculation of total events from these numbers may underestimate the true total.

^{**} U.S. Live Birth Data: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Report 51:4 (Feb. 2003).

U.S. Mortality Data: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Report 51:5 (Mar. 2003).

SUMMARY OF VITAL EVENTS IN 2001

POPULATION SUMMARY

State population¹: 4,470,368

Louisiana has the 22nd largest population among the fifty states.² After a loss in population during the late 1980s, the number of people living in Louisiana has returned to levels seen in the early 1980s.

Percent of population in race group: 63.9% white, 32.5% black, 3.6% other race

The national breakdown by race is 80.9% white, 12.7% black, and 6.4% other race.³

LIVE BIRTH SUMMARY

Number of births: 65,193

This is a decrease of 3.9% from the 67,843 births in 2000. This number is far below the last quarter century's high of 84,531 births in 1982.

Birth Rate: 14.6 live births per 1,000 population

This is the lowest state birth rate in more than a half century, equal to the 1998 U.S. rate of 14.6. The 1995 and 1996 rates were the next lowest at 14.7 and 15.0, respectively.

Fertility Rate: 64.7 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years

The fertility rate has dropped 19.3% from the 1981 rate of 80.2, and 9.6 % from the 1991 rate of 71.6.

Number of births to teens aged 15-19 years: 10,297

This is an 8.5% drop from the 11,255 births to teens aged 15-19 that occurred in 2000.

Birth Rate in teens aged 15-19 years: 56.7 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-19

The birth rate for 15-19 year olds has fallen substantially during the 1990s, with a drop of 25.3% from the 1991 rate of 75.9.

Percent of births to single mothers: 46.3% of total live births

This is a slight increase from the 2000 figure of 45.6%. The number of births to single mothers in 2001 is 20.6% higher than the 1991 level of 38.4% of total live births.

Percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester: 83.2% of total live births

The percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester has risen steadily during the 1990s, up 11.5% from its 1991 level of 74.6% of total live births and nearly identical to 2000's 83.3%.

Percent of live births less than 2500 grams: 10.5% of total live births

In recent years, Louisiana has seen a steady rise in the percentage of low birth weight babies, from 9.4% of total births in 1992 and 9.9% in 1996, to the current proportion.

Percent of live births delivered by cesarean section: 29.9% of total live births

Revised 2001 data published by the National Center for Health Statistics report that 24.4% of all live births in the nation are by cesarean deliveries.

SPONTANEOUS FETAL DEATH SUMMARY (20+ weeks gestation or 350+ grams)

Number of fetal deaths: 510

This is an increase from the year 2000's 487 fetal deaths meeting the Louisiana definition as stated above.

Fetal Mortality Rate: 7.8 fetal deaths per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths.

REPORTED INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SUMMARY

Number of reported induced terminations performed in Louisiana: 10,932

This is a decrease of 452, or 4%, from the 11,384 terminations reported in the state in 2000.

DEATH SUMMARY

Number of deaths: 41,495

This figure is somewhat greater than the 2000 death count of 40,928. There has been a slow, steady increase in the number of deaths in the state over the past two decades. (There were 35,554 deaths in 1980 and 37,375 deaths in 1990.)

Crude Death Rate: 929.2 deaths per 100,000 population

In 2000, the crude death rate was reported at 915.8 deaths per 100,000 population. Despite the crude rate's increase between 2000 and 2001, during the previous five years the crude death rate has remained relatively stable, at approximately 924 deaths per 100,000 population.

Ten Leading Causes of Death - Crude and Age-Adjusted Death Rates

The ten leading causes of death and their associated rates are:

Cause of Death	Crude Rate Per 100,000 Population	Age-Adjusted Rate* per 100,000
Heart Disease	255.2	283.0
Cancer	212.3	229.7
Stroke	58.7	65.5
Accidents	44.3	45.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	39.3	43.4
Diabetes	38.7	42.2
Nephritis	22.2	24.5
Alzheimer's Disease	21.4	24.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	21.0	23.8
Septicemia	17.0	18.8

^{*} The age-adjusted rate is based upon the 2000 Standard Population.

INFANT MORTALITY SUMMARY

Number of infant deaths: 642

Although the past two decades have seen a steady overall decrease in the number of infant deaths (in 1980 there were 1175 infant deaths, and in 1990 there were 796), in 2001 there were 39 more deaths than the 603 that occurred in 2000.

Infant Mortality Rate: 9.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births

The 2001 infant mortality rate was somewhat higher than the 2000 rate of 8.9. During the 1980s, there was a steady decline in the state's infant mortality rate, from 14.3 in 1980 to 11.5 in 1989. While infant mortality continued to drop during the 1990s, the rate of decline has slowed.

MATERNAL MORTALITY SUMMARY

Number of Maternal Deaths: 9

During the past decade, the number of maternal deaths each year has fluctuated between 2 and 14. Between 1991 and 2001, there were 74 maternal deaths in Louisiana.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE SUMMARY

Number of Marriages: 37,628

This is a decrease of 2933 marriages from the 40,561 marriages that occurred in 2000. During the last decade, the number of marriages each year has fluctuated around 40,000.

Number of Covenant Marriages: 381

This is the fourth full year in which Louisiana residents have been given a choice between a traditional marriage and a covenant marriage. This choice became available to Louisiana residents in August 1997. There were 88 fewer covenant marriages in 2001 than the 469 in 2000.

Number of Divorces (reported): 14,430

Because divorce reports were submitted by 52 (81%) of the 64 parishes in Louisiana this year, divorce counts are underreported. The number of parishes reporting divorces and the overall number of divorces reported in 2001 decreased from the 14,923 reported by 55 of 64 parishes in 2000.

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¹ United States Census Bureau. "Louisiana Population Estimate July 1, 2001." http://www.census.gov>

² United States Census Bureau. <u>Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2002</u> http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract-02.html